Amendments to the Claims

Please amend, without prejudice, the claims as shown in the following listing of claims and consider the subsequent remarks. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1.   (Currently amended) A method for providing a network-based child financial support framework for facilitating communications between employers, custodial parents, and non-custodial parents, comprising the steps of

   (a)   maintaining a database including information on a received financial support payment utilizing a network;

   (b)   providing general information relating to the financial support payment utilizing the network;

   (c)   calculating a proper amount of the financial support payment based on a profile of a user and based on an amount paid to date from a non-custodial parent to a custodial parent, wherein the profile includes data relating to at least one of income, number of children, basic support, insurance premium, child care cost, and additional expenses, wherein a first portion of the profile is received from the user across the network and a second portion of the profile is received from the database, and wherein the user may change the data in the second portion of the profile;

   (d)   displaying a history associated with the financial support payment; and

   (e)   providing an interface configured to allow the custodial parent to retrieve tracking information for the financial support payment and a plurality of historical financial support payments previously scheduled to the custodial parent, related to financial support payments and histories said tracking information including payment status, payment amount due, payment amount received, payment date,

payment receipt date, payment sent date, payment available withdrawal date, and payment case number, said tracking information further including reasons why a scheduled financial support payment was not dispersed if the scheduled financial support payment has not been received by the custodial parent.

2.   (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

3.   (Canceled)

4.   (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the history includes a date, an amount received on the date, an amount retained of the amount received, and a disbursement of the amount received to the custodial parent.

5.   (Original) A method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising the step of presenting a plurality of frequently asked questions relating to the financial support payment.

6.   (Currently amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for providing a network-based child financial support framework for facilitating communications between employers, custodial parents, and non-custodial parents, comprising:

    (a)   a code segment that maintains a database including information on a received financial support payment utilizing a network;

    (b)   a code segment that provides general information relating to the financial support payment utilizing the network;

    (c)   a code segment that calculates a proper amount of the financial support payment based on a profile of a user and based on an amount paid to date from a non-

custodial parent to a custodial parent, wherein the profile includes data relating to at least one of income, number of children, basic support, insurance premium, child care cost, and additional expenses, wherein a first portion of the profile is received from the user across the network and a second portion of the profile is received from the database, and wherein the user may change the data in the second portion of the profile;

(d)   a code segment that displays a history associated with the financial support payment; and

(e)   a code segment that provides an interface configured to allow the custodial parent to retrieve tracking information for the financial support payment and a plurality of historical financial support payments previously scheduled to the custodial parent, ~~related to financial support payments and histories~~ said tracking information including payment status, payment amount due, payment amount received, payment date, payment receipt date, payment sent date, payment available withdrawal date, and payment case number, said tracking information further including reasons why a scheduled financial support payment was not dispersed if the scheduled financial support payment has not been received by the custodial parent.

7.   (Previously presented) A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the network includes the Internet.

8.   (Canceled)

9.   (Original) A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the history includes a date, an amount received on the date, an amount retained of the amount received, and a disbursement of the amount received to the custodial parent.

10.   (Original) A computer program as recited in claim 6, and further comprising a code
segment that presents a plurality of frequently asked questions relating to the financial support
payment.

11.   (Currently amended) A system for providing a network-based child financial support
framework for facilitating communications between employers, custodial parents, and non-
custodial parents, comprising:

    (a)   logic that maintains a database including information on a received financial
        support payment utilizing a network;

    (b)   logic that provides general information relating to the financial support payment
        utilizing the network;

    (c)   logic that calculates a proper amount of the financial support payment based on a
        profile of a user and based on an amount paid to date from a non-custodial parent
        to a custodial parent, wherein the profile includes data relating to at least one of
        income, number of children, basic support, insurance premium, child care cost,
        and additional expenses, wherein a first portion of the profile is received from the
        user across the network and a second portion of the profile is received from the
        database, and wherein the user may change the data in the second portion of the
        profile; and

    (d)   logic that displays a history associated with the financial support payment; and

    (e)   logic that provides an interface configured to allow the custodial parent to retrieve
        tracking information for the financial support payment and a plurality of historical
        financial support payments previously scheduled to the custodial parent, ~~related to~~
        ~~financial support payments and histories~~ said tracking information including
        payment status, payment amount due, payment amount received, payment date,
        payment receipt date, payment sent date, payment available withdrawal date, and
        payment case number, said tracking information further including reasons why a

scheduled financial support payment was not dispersed if the scheduled financial

support payment has not been received by the custodial parent.

12.   (Previously presented) A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the network includes the

Internet.

13.   (Canceled)

14.   (Original) A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the history includes a date, an

amount received on the date, an amount retained of the amount received, and a disbursement of

the amount received to the custodial parent.

15.   (Original) A system as recited in claim 11, and further comprising logic that presents a

plurality of frequently asked questions relating to the financial support payment.

16.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1, said providing an interface

configured to allow the custodial parent to retrieve information related to the financial support

payment payments and histories a plurality of historical financial support payments previously

scheduled to the custodial parent further comprising determining a status of said information.

17.   (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1 said providing an interface

configured to allow the custodial parent to retrieve information related to the financial support

payment payments and histories a plurality of historical financial support payments previously

scheduled to the custodial parent further comprising submitting questions regarding said

information and receiving answers to said questions.

18.   (Currently amended) A computer program as recited in claim 6, said code segment that provides an interface configured to allow the custodial parent to retrieve information related to the financial support payment ~~payments~~ and ~~histories~~ a plurality of historical financial support payments previously scheduled to the custodial parent further comprising determining a status of said information.

19.   (Currently amended) A computer program as recited in claim 6, said code segment that provides an interface configured to allow the custodial parent to retrieve information related to the financial support payment ~~payments~~ and ~~histories~~ a plurality of historical financial support payments previously scheduled to the custodial parent further comprising submitting questions regarding said information and receiving answers to said questions.

20.   (Currently amended) A system as recited in claim 11, said logic that provides an interface configured to allow the custodial parent to retrieve information related to the financial support payment ~~payments~~ and ~~histories~~ a plurality of historical financial support payments previously scheduled to the custodial parent further comprising ~~submitting questions regarding said information and receiving answers to said questions~~ determining a status of said information.

21.   (Currently amended) A system as recited in claim 11, said logic that provides an interface configured to allow the custodial parent to retrieve information related to financial support payments and ~~histories~~ a plurality of historical financial support payments previously scheduled to the custodial parent further comprising submitting questions regarding said information and receiving answers to said questions.